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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire
Chief Clerk & Administrator
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
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RE: South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (House Bill 3659) Proceeding to Address S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-460(A)(1) and S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-460(A)(2) (Promulgation and Periodic Review of Standards for Interconnection and Parallel Operation of Generating Facilities to an Electrical Utility's Distribution and Transmission System)
Docket No. 2019-326-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

By this letter the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has reviewed a joint request of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, Duke Energy Progress, LLC (the "Duke Utilities"), Dominion Energy South Carolina, Inc. ("DESC"), and the South Carolina Solar Business Alliance, Inc., and Southern Current, LLC ("Solar Intervenors"), collectively referred to herein as the "Interested Parties."

On September 15, 2020, the Interested Parties jointly requested that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") hold the procedural schedule in Docket No. 2019-326-E in abeyance and permit the Interested Parties to implement the requirements of Section 58-27-460 in Docket No. 2019-326-E in a two-phased approach.

The Interested Parties are requesting this two-phase approach to consider proposed revisions to the South Carolina Generator Interconnection Procedures ("SCGIP") to:

1. Establish an alternative process, such as the Duke Utilities' Queue Reform Proposal, for studying certain large generators requesting interconnection; and

2. Comprehensively revise the other portions of the SCGIP not implicated by the Duke Utilities' Queue Reform Proposal. According to the September 15, 2020, filing, these revisions would be proposed by the Duke Utilities, DESC, the Solar Intervenors, and potentially other interested parties, after a series of stakeholder meetings to seek consensus on proposed reforms.

ORS does not object to the September 15, 2020, request made on behalf of the Interested Parties.

Sincerely,

s/ Andrew M. Bateman

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